

ADVANCE...



Advancing the Gospel through Assisting National Preachers

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

An Annual Report is provided for those who assist Gospelink with their prayer and financial support. The report briefly summarizes three areas: ministry, finances, and personnel. The Lord accomplished much through your partnership during 2009.

The first part of the Annual Report is a ministry sum-

mary. Gospelink is now assisting national preachers in 11 nations. During 2009, the number of national preachers being assisted in these nations grew to a total of 1,118.

Evangelism continues to be a major focus for these preachers. As a mission, Gospelink tries to track three main categories in each of the preachers' quarterly reports: the number of new areas evangelized, the number of public professions of faith

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Gospelink was established for the purpose of advancing the gospel throughout the world. It is our belief that this objective can be best accomplished by assisting national preachers who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship. Through prayer and financial assistance national preachers are empowered, their evangelistic outreach is enhanced, and their church planting efforts are accelerated.

National preachers who have been selected for assistance have met all the necessary initial requisites of accountability. Their financial needs have been evaluated. Their morals, reputation, and character are exemplary. Their doctrinal beliefs are sound and their training and ministry experience are verified.

Once assistance has been initiated through Gospelink, the national preacher must continue to meet all the ongoing requisites of accountability in order to maintain this assistance. Ministry reports are submitted systematically and on-site evaluations are regularly conducted by the regional directors and Gospelink USA representatives.

Gospelink, Inc. was established as a missions organization in 1998. As such, contributions and gifts are tax-deductible. It is governed by those serving on the Board of Directors.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS NEEDED

Will your church hold a Vacation Bible School this summer?

Could they direct their mission offering to help with Gospelink's ministry projects overseas?

Complete the form on [page 15](#) or call Gospelink for details at:

434-485-7007

BIBLE COLLEGE NEEDS

Below are items needed at the International Bible College:

- **Keyboard (2)**
- **Guitar (2)**
- **Video Projector (1)**
- **Laptop Computer (5)**

If you can donate any of these items, please call Gospelink for details (434-485-7007)



*Make disciples! Baptize them!
Teach them! This is Jesus' pre-
scription to reach every nation.*

in Christ, and the number of new churches started.

Concerning the first category, the national preachers were able to evangelize 15,744 new areas during 2009. **That's 43 every day!**

Concerning the second category, the national preachers reported 332,669 public professions of faith through their witnessing and preaching during 2009. **That's 38 every hour!**

Concerning the third category, the national preachers started 2,724 new churches during 2009. **That's 7 per day!**

During 2009, the median preacher assisted through Gospelink evangelized 12 new areas, led 140 people to salvation, and started 2 churches. *(For comparison purposes, the charts on page 4 show the statistics for the median national preacher over*

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THANK YOU
to those who have begun
assisting a national preacher
with a
MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP:

Herbert and Darlene Walker
Pastor Kasahun Shiferaw
Ethiopia

Samson Wong
Pastor Dennis Bandawe
Zimbabwe

Chi and Tracey Lam
Pastor Banze Kysala
Democratic Republic of Congo

Billy and Jennifer Brewer
Pastor Maliele Dzuwa
Malawi

Bill and Ginny Kellum
Pastor Dennis Bandawe
Zimbabwe

Todd and Kendra Wuestenberg
Pastor Jestart Kazwami
Zambia

Wanda Rechel Landis
Pastor Arnold Manase
Tanzania

Judith Pherson
Pastor Sindiso Khumalo
Zimbabwe

Bruce and Rebecca Cosgray
Pastor Lucas Chasonga
Mozambique

The first three charts identify the ministry work of the median national preacher who is being assisted through Gospelink. These charts summarize the number of areas evangelized, the number of reported conversions, and the number of churches started by the median preacher. For comparison purposes, each chart covers an eight year time period.

Chart 1
Median Number of New Areas Evangelized

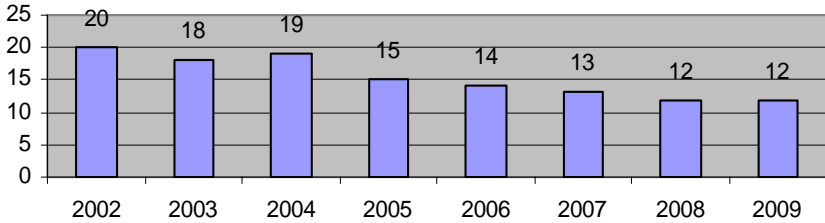


Chart 2
Median Number of Salvations Reported

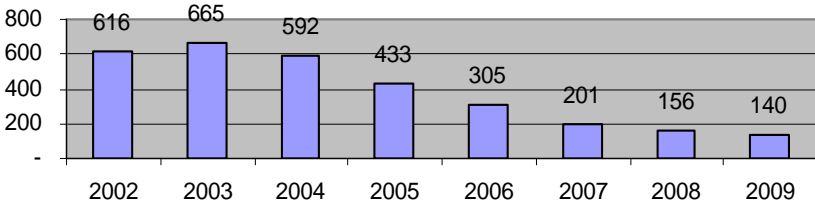
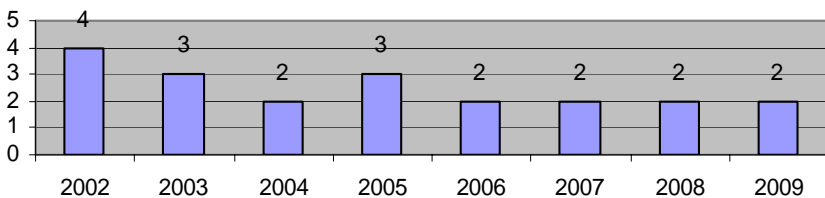


Chart 3
Median Number of New Churches Planted



THE NATIONAL PREACHER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

...linking Christians in America with national preachers across the world

Why Gospelink helps national preachers...

National preachers have many advantages in taking the gospel to their own people. Every national preacher sponsored through Gospelink has already been trained, has helped to establish at least one church, and is actively involved in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Their morals, work ethic, spiritual reputation, and physical needs have all been verified. With monthly prayer and financial support, they will be able to increase their outreach and accelerate their church planting efforts.

Because the Lord's return is drawing closer and the unfinished task remains so extensive, would you pray about what part you might have in helping one of these national preachers advance the gospel in their area of the world? Whatever they accomplish will be fruit that abounds to your account, also.

How Gospelink helps national preachers...

Gospelink seeks to secure five sponsorships for each national preacher: three Ministry Sponsorships (\$35 per month each), one Outreach Sponsorship (\$25 per month), and one Training Sponsorship (\$15 per month).

The Ministry Sponsorship funds are used to help the preacher with the basic needs of his family, such as food clothing, shelter, medicine, and his children's education. The Outreach Sponsorship funds are used to assist the preacher in evangelism and in providing outreach materials, such as, Bibles and tracts. The Training Sponsorship funds are used to help cover the costs of national and regional training opportunities and to provide study materials and curriculum. Please look over the profiles of the preachers (located on pages 6 and 7) and pray about your involvement.

***How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?***

Romans 10:14,15



MAYA FAMILY

**Malawi
(Southern Region)**

Pastor: July
Spouse: Agnes

(2 children)
(plus 2 other dependents)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I grew up in rural Malawi. During my childhood I attended a mission school that was near my village. I also went to church at this mission, and it was there that I learned many things about Jesus Christ. When I was seventeen years old the pastor preached a very powerful message that convinced me that I was a sinner and that I needed Jesus Christ. That day, I confessed my sins and asked Jesus to come into my life and be my Savior.

When it was time for me to leave Malawi and look for work, I traveled to South Africa. Upon my arrival in this country, I immediately found a good church to attend. While I was in South Africa, I met the woman who is now my wife.

My wife, Agnes, was born and raised in a Catholic family. Though she attended the Catholic church for many years, she never knew Jesus Christ personally. After our marriage and our move to Zimbabwe, Agnes heard a very clear gospel presentation by Rev. Ngozo. It was at this time that Agnes asked Jesus to be her Savior.

When we moved to Zimbabwe we met a Baptist missionary who was teaching at the Theological Seminary. This missionary was very interested in planting churches. Every Sunday we were going out to the rural areas to start preaching points. After doing this for a few years, I felt the Lord calling me to serve Him full time in the ministry. Because of this, I went to the seminary in Gweru, Zimbabwe. Since that time the Lord has used me to plant churches in Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Malawi. I speak three languages and this has helped me to share the gospel with many people. I want to continue planting churches and directing lost souls to Jesus.

Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

CHITUI FAMILY

**Mozambique
(Tete Region)**

Pastor: Manuel
Spouse: Elvira

(8 children)
(plus 3 other dependents)



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Before I became a Christian, I did not want to hear the name of Jesus. I remember one day I even chased a preacher away from my house. I had learned from school that Jesus was the son of Joseph and not the son of God. According to socialism theories, I was taught that there is no God. My life was without hope. Because of this, I was involved in every kind of sin.

Eventually, I became sick. I went to hospitals and traditional doctors, but no one could help me. African doctors told me that my suffering was caused by my grandparents' spirits.

My brother-in-law, who had been a Christian for many years, told me about Jesus. He explained the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. The results of sin were diseases and other problems and difficulties which we face on this earth. He then shared what Jesus had done for me. I was convicted and received Jesus Christ into my life. My old life went away, and I was thirsty and hungry for God's word.

My wife, Elvira, did not want to hear anything about Jesus Christ. After my illness she became very discouraged and gave up. When her brother came to visit us, Elvira also received Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. Her life changed immediately, and she became a strong and powerful witness for Jesus Christ.

As I began to study the Bible, I discovered that I must go and preach the gospel to the people who are lost in their sins. God gave me a deep desire to serve Him in this way. After much prayer God confirmed my calling into the ministry. The Lord has used me to establish many churches and to equip pastors for the ministry. It is my joy to serve the Lord.

Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

The remaining three charts identify the grand totals reported by the national preachers since the year 2002 for the same three ministry categories listed on [page 4](#).

Chart 4
Reported New Areas Evangelized Per Year

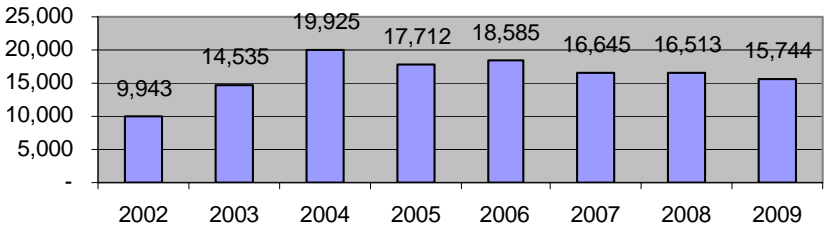


Chart 5
Reported Salvations Per Year (in thousands)

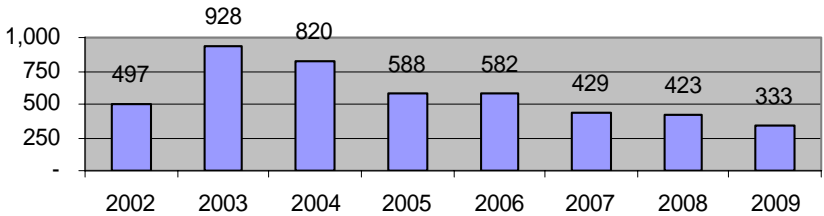
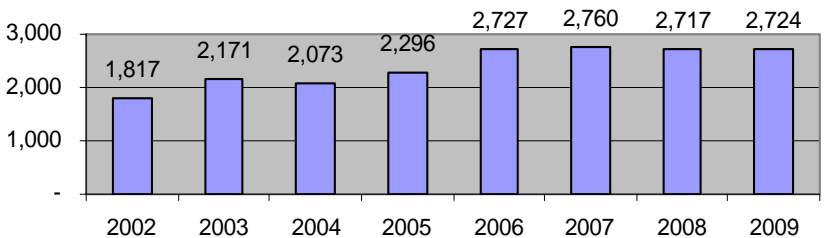


Chart 6
Reported Churches Planted Per Year



an eight year period, while the charts on page 9 show the actual ministry totals.)

The second part of the Annual Report is a financial summary. The total funds received by Gospelink during 2009 were \$2,945,900, a decrease of 3% from the previous year. (non-cash contributions are not reflected in the total.) Though understandable in our challenging USA economic climate, this is the first year since the mission was established in 1998 that there has been a decrease in the total mission income.

The areas most affected financially were the general operations budget of the mission (down 6%) and some of the international projects. With more and more sponsors experiencing financial difficulties, the sponsorship attrition rate rose slightly, but with new sponsorships acquired during 2009, the total sponsorship funding showed a 4% increase. The national preachers received more help in 2009 than in any year previously!

We are excited about two projects which were initiated during 2009. The first is the Orphan Sponsorship Program. Though only in its first year, loving assistance was located for 37 needy orphans. Second, during 2009 the International Bible College of Zambia enrolled its first students. With a future capacity of 600 African students, only time will tell how much good will be accomplished for God's Kingdom in the years to come.

**THANK YOU
to those who have begun
assisting a national preacher
with a
TRAINING SPONSORSHIP:**

Marci Brown
Pastor Loc Do
Vietnam

James Thompson
Pastor Jawde Mwansanje
Tanzania

Emily Clements and Master Club
Pastor Damas Kapera
Tanzania

Abram Penrod
Pastor Dinh Tran
Vietnam

Scott and Patricia Fager
Pastor Arnold Maviya
Zimbabwe

Matt and Tyra Swenson
Pastor Jackson Chamanenga
Zambia

Mike and Rachael Dornbirer
Pastor Lyton Moyo
Zimbabwe

Virginia Avenue Baptist Church
Pastor Kalonda Lyahema
Democratic Republic of Congo

Delynn Smith
Pastor Alexei Kulikov
Russia

The third part of the Annual Report is a personnel summary. At the close of the year, Gospelink had a USA staff of eleven committed workers who perform all the day to day tasks of the mission.

In addition, Gospelink had five mission representatives and their families situated throughout the USA who seek to locate sponsorships for national preachers. With literally hundreds of national preachers patiently waiting for sponsorship assistance, their job is extremely vital to the advancement of God's Kingdom globally.

Three Gospelink families are serving internationally in Zambia. Two of these families provide assistance at the International Bible College, while the other is involved with Mobile Bible Schools, secondary school Bible clubs, college camps, and Life centers for orphans and vulnerable children.

Hopeful! That's the word to describe Gospelink's outlook for the future, especially when you consider the ministry efforts of the many national preachers. During 2010 alone, Gospelink preachers will be involved in over 2.2 million hours of ministry work. We expect the miraculous!

Indebted! That's the word to describe our feelings toward each friend and supporter of Gospelink who give so sacrificially to extend God's Kingdom and to exalt His Name among all people. On behalf of all of us at Gospelink...**THANK YOU!**

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to those who have begun
assisting a national preacher
with an
OUTREACH SPONSORSHIP:

David and Jane Jones
Pastor Nikolai Semenov
Russia

Paul and Wanda Scates
Pastor Thang Nguyen
Vietnam

East Side Baptist Youth
Pastor Kingsley Kaunda
Malawi

George Lakatos
Pastor Lameck Ngobito
Tanzania

Terry and Jane Shepherd
Pastor Fabian Nyumba
Zambia

Dale and Camie Schuiteman
Pastor Loc Do
Vietnam

Brent Ketring
Pastor Tai Do
Vietnam

Allen and Tina Mast
Pastor Harrington Kangwa
Zambia

Roger and Trusa Cutkomp
Pastor Mehail Papeey
Ukraine

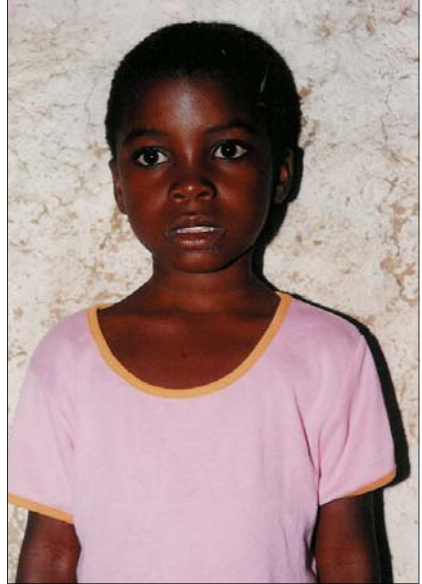


THE CURRENT NEED

...unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask

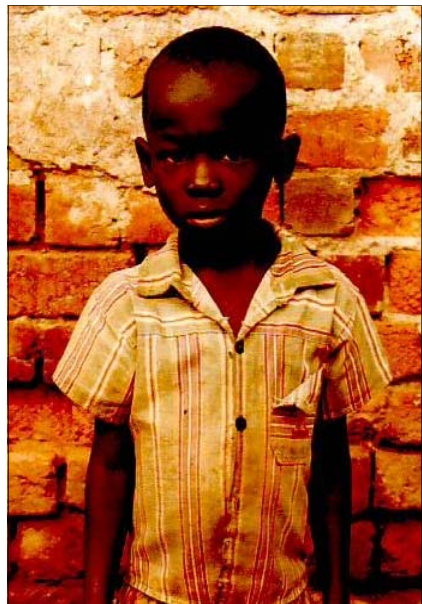
Orphan Sponsorships Ready

Have you ever thought about sponsoring an orphan? Now is the time. Twenty-two orphans from Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Congo D.R. have recently been processed for sponsorship consideration. Each of these children need help! Orphan sponsorships are \$30.00 per month. Sponsors will receive biographical information on the orphan they sponsor, as well as quarterly letters and updates. If you can help one of these orphans with a sponsorship, complete [page 15](#).



College Classrooms

There are ten classrooms at the International Bible College which are now lacking only a roof and a cement floor in order to be functional. These classrooms are 25' x 45'. The sheet metal has been donated for these classrooms, but the wooden trusses and cement are still needed. It will cost \$3,000 to finish each of these classrooms. If you can help with this educational need, complete [page 15](#).



IBC Staff Housing Need

Lou and Iris Mancari have faithfully served with Gospelink as



mission representatives since 2003. With increasing personnel needs at the International Bible College, they have agreed to move to Zambia to serve in the teaching and mentoring of the college students. The Mancari family will be a great asset to the college program. Their target arrival date is October, 2010. They will be staying in one of the two-bedroom staff houses. However, some finish work is still needed on the staff house to prepare it for their arrival. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).

Preachers' Contingency Fund

Under the sponsorship program, national preachers minister for an entire quarter and then receive compensation. Occasionally, a sponsor must terminate their assistance. When this occurs, steps are immediately taken to get the preacher sponsored again. In the meantime, a fund has been established to "make up" the difference until another

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THANK YOU
to those who have given to the
Preachers' Contingency
Fund

Nevin and Edythe Kern
 Pennsylvania

Darlene Smith
 Indiana

Timothy and Crystal Friend
 Kansas

William and Alma Grams
 Maryland

Reginald Veldman
 Michigan

Glen and Brenda Ragsdale
 Georgia

Dale and Debra Murray
 Maryland

Mavis and Reva Brewer
 Georgia

Michael and Bonnie Schowe
 New York

Lee and Patty Erickson
 Indiana

Tom and Nadine Green
 Maryland

Sue Cacopardo
 Florida

sponsor can be located for the preacher. About \$12,000 is needed every quarter. If you can help, complete page 15.

Overseas Container to Ship

The next container is being prepared for shipment to Zambia. It will provide resources for outreach venues and the Bible College. The container needs to be shipped by the end of July in order to arrive before the rainy season makes the delivery too difficult. About \$12,000 is still needed to cover the expenses. To help, complete the form on page 15.

Bibles and Tracts Needed

Gospel tracts and Bibles are needed for the Zambian outreach venues in 2010. The materials will be purchased in the USA and shipped overseas. The cost for one gospel tract is 12 cents (to purchase it, ship it to Africa and distribute it locally). The cost for one Bible is \$2.50 (to purchase it, ship it to Africa, and distribute it locally). If you can help, complete the form on page 15.

College Student Funds Needed

The International Bible College has an enrollment of 29 students this year. Since the African students attend the college free of charge, funds are needed to offset some of the costs for their food, water, and supplies. To help, complete page 15.

**Many Thanks...
to those who have given to
The Malawi Project:**

David and Lillian Lay
Maryland

Elliott and Carolyn Starin
Maryland

Mark and Cindy Flinchbaugh
Pennsylvania

Douglas and Karen Motley
Michigan

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Georgia

James and Alison Dykes
Tennessee

Penney Lee Holloman
Mississippi

Richard Newkirk
Kansas

Gerry and Christy Nunn
Florida

Dennis and Carol Butte
Nebraska

Ernest and Diana Toledo
Michigan

Estella Foster
Florida

I would like to assist with...THE CURRENT NEED!



(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to help with a *Current Need* project this month:

- 1. Bible College Classroom (finish work) Enclosed \$ _____
- 2. Bible College Staff House (finish work) Enclosed \$ _____
- 3. Overseas container shipment (Africa) Enclosed \$ _____
- 4. Student Fund (Intl. Bible College) Enclosed \$ _____
- 5. Preachers' Contingency Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 6. Preachers' Widows Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 7. Bibles (for outreach) Enclosed \$ _____
- 8. Gospel tracts (for outreach) Enclosed \$ _____
- 9. Hunger Relief Enclosed \$ _____
- 10. Wherever Needed Most Enclosed \$ _____

Please contact me with information about helping with the 2010 **Vacation Bible School** missions offering project.

I want to **help an orphan** with a sponsorship of \$30.00 per month, beginning in the month of _____. Please send me my sponsor materials. My preference is a: **GIRL / BOY**

Complete and remove this page.
Enclose your *Current Need* donation and mail it to:

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